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Friend Garrison

Abby Kelly lectured here last evening. The Baptist Church was more than filled, a most excellant impression was made. Every thing is most flattering in regard to our meeting next week. I have heard from some places and large numbers will come. Nothing but a furious storm can prevent an overwhelming attendance.

I trust you will give us a good editorial this week on the subject. Some of our enemies are attempting to make the people believe that the resolutions published will embrace the only subjects to come up, and are therefore endeavoring to make the people believe that it is to be an anti-Church & Clergy meeting. I think it would be well to suggest that other matters will probably be considered. Our committee of arrangements are on hand. We want the "Irish Petition" and the "Irish Birch" brought up, if so please mention the fact.

When we undertake a thing of this kind in Andover we always carry it through, and we are determined to give practical demonstration that County meetings can be fully attended and ought not to be abolished Br. Collins to the contrary notwithstanding.

Abby lectures in Wareham this evening.

In haste George Foster